

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (original) An illuminating device comprising light means for generating light and a light-emitter comprising an after-glowing material for emitting light after the light means is switched off or has extinguished, characterized in that the light-emitter comprises a predetermined pattern for displaying information.
2. (currently amended) An illuminating device as claimed in claim ~~1 or 2~~, characterized in that the intensity I_{lm} of the light emitted by the light means as compared to the intensity I_{le} of the light emitted by the light-emitter is such that $I_{le}/I_{lm} < 0.5$.
3. (original) An illuminating device as claimed in claim 2, characterized in that $I_{le}/I_{lm} < 0.1$.
4. (currently amended) An illuminating device as claimed in claim ~~1 or 2~~, characterized in that the initial light output following the switching off or the extinguishing of the light means is lower than 3 cd/m^2 .

5. (original) An illuminating device as claimed in claim 4, characterized in that the initial light output is equal to or lower than 1 cd/m².

6. (currently amended) An illuminating device as claimed in claim 1-~~or~~-2, characterized in that the pattern comprises an alphanumerical character, a logo and/or an arrow.

7. (original) An illuminating device as claimed in claim 1-~~or~~-2, characterized in that the after-glowing material comprises a photoluminescent or phosphorescent material.

8. (currently amended) Electric lamp comprising a lamp vessel provided with a light-emitter according to claim 1-~~and~~-2.

9. (currently amended) Luminaire comprising a housing having a light emission window, the housing or the light-emission window being provided with a light-emitter according to claim 1-~~and~~-2.

10. (currently amended) Automotive head lamp comprising a housing having a light emission window, the housing or the light-emission window being provided with a light-emitter according to claim 1-~~and~~ 2.

11. (currently amended) Display device comprising a display window provided with a light-emitter according to claim 1~~and 2~~.